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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on ____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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2. [Miscellaneous]

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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